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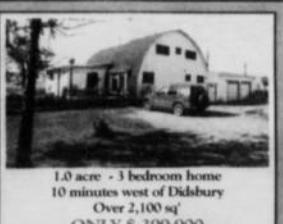
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Investigation is currently ongoing at the residence where the stabbing took place.



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Man found deceased in Didsbury after stabbing report

RCMP currently investigating suspicious death

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY

Review Staff

RCMP received a 911 call regarding a stabbing and reported to a Didsbury residence at approximately 10:20 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27.

Officials discovered a 37-year-old Didsbury man deceased. The RCMP are treating the case as a suspicious death. Investigation is currently underway of the unidentified male and residence. At this time information regarding the nature of the stabbing and weapon are being investigated.

Red Deer and Calgary Major Crimes GIS Investigators and Red Deer Forensics Identification Unit are assisting RCMP with the investigation.

RCMP have made clear that the public is not at risk in the aftermath of this incident.

Investigation continues on explosion in Innisfail

Former Didsbury woman dies in her apartment

BY SYLVIA COLE
For the Review

An autopsy to determine the exact cause of death and identification of a woman who died in an explosion in her Innisfail apartment Friday morning began yesterday in Calgary, police said.

The victim, identified by members of the community as Vicki Shachty, a 23-year-old woman who was wheelchair-bound was killed just after 9 a.m. Nov. 25 after a package containing an explosive device delivered outside her ground level apartment on 51 Avenue was brought inside and opened.

Her 30-year-old female caregiver, who was at the apartment when it happened, explained this to RCMP. A followup from explosive experts brought in from Edmonton and Ottawa confirmed over the weekend the package contained an explosive device.

RCMP spokesman Sgt. Patrick Webb said police still have to determine if the package was meant for her or it was more random. He is still advising the public to take caution with any unanticipated packages delivered unexpectedly.

"Even if it was targeted for her, it could be targeted for somebody else too. We don't know the reasoning or the motive ... at this point."

Webb wouldn't comment on details surrounding the package, such as its size.

"That is something we can ascertain from witnesses, but at the same time it's part of what they are investigating with the explosive team."

Damage to the apartment was contained within the building. The only evidence of exterior damage was a window facing 51 Avenue that was blown out.

The explosive team was still at the scene Monday. They said when arriving over the weekend they

would need two to three days to collect evidence.

"As you can imagine, it's very, very minute work to do. We also have our

"It sounded like a 12 calibre going off right by my head."

major crime unit doing background of the victim, trying to find anyone who may be related in any way from this event."

Webb said the apartment is small, and has one main open area where the package was opened.

The sound of the explosion was heard by sur-

rounding neighbours and an upstairs tenant said his breakfast table lifted a foot off the ground.

"Everything in the apartment just started shaking," said Garrette Stewart, who was playing Xbox in an apartment above when he heard a loud bang.

"I thought he dropped something or that something had fallen over," said roommate Brendan Devine, who was asleep in his room at the time of the explosion.

The two went outside to see a woman crying and police arriving.

"It sounded like a 12 calibre going off right by my head," said Shane, another upstairs resident who wouldn't give his last name. "The nanny (caregiver) was crying and saying the woman opened a present and it exploded."

The men shivered in the cold weather near a peace officer's truck and offered statements. They didn't know when they would be let back in, but said they weren't in a hurry to

return. In total, three adjoining apartments were evacuated.

Shachty's 30-year-old caregiver was in the next room when the explosion occurred, said police. She was taken to hospital to be checked over but released with no serious injuries, police added.

The Innisfail Fire Department arrived quickly on scene before 9:15 but left once police began treating it as a potential homicide.

The streets surrounding the fourplex were quickly closed off and by 10 a.m. the area from 46 Street to 49 Street was completely blocked off with access from the alleyways taped off as well.

Neighbours began walking towards the scene to learn more about the sound they had just heard.

"I don't know quite how to describe the sound," said neighbour Tom Lindl who was just getting up for the day. "I was getting up and my wife was just about to leave the room

and we heard this sound, like snow fell and hit the deck. We thought, what was that?"

Lisa Frank, who lives in the apartment building kitty-corner to Shachty's, heard a big bang. "Then we heard someone crying," she said, unsure of what to think.

Webb expects the area will be blocked off for another day or two. "It's hard to say how fast it will proceed. ... We'll hold onto the scene as long as we need to."

Ecole St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School, located along 51 Avenue was in session Friday. Administration with Red Deer Regional Catholic Schools confirmed Monday the school went into a lockdown shortly before 9 a.m. All of the doors were locked, and students remained within the building for the duration of the school day under advice of the RCMP. The lockdown was officially lifted at 2:30 p.m.

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'Davis is the winner'

Former beef producer rep tops Kemmere in first, second count



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Darcy Davis in his moment of triumph with Al Kemmere, left, and William Stevenson.



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Volunteers dump ballots out to be counted for the PC nomination at the Didsbury Memorial Complex last Saturday night.



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For The Review

support and move it over to Darcy."

On a more personal note, Kemmere said: "Democracy is neat, but democracy hurts sometimes ... But the people have spoken."

With a total of 1,155 ballots cast, "the turnout was fantastic," Kemmere said. "Today it was huge."

Acme-area producer rep Darcy Davis scored a decisive win Saturday night at the Didsbury Multiplex in a competitive race with former Mountain View County Reeve Al Kemmere.

Davis finished on top after the first count of the ballots with 515 votes compared to Kemmere's 424 and Carstairs accountant William Stevenson's 216.

After Stevenson's second-choice votes were counted, Davis cruised ahead to win the contest with 593 votes compared to Kemmere's 457.

"Davis is the winner with 55.9 per cent of the vote," nomination chair Pat James announced to the crowd of candidate supporters who stayed until after 10 p.m. to hear the results.

"It's such an honour and it's so humbling at the same time," Davis, 50, told the applauding crowd after Stevenson and Kemmere had made brief speeches thanking their campaign teams.

Davis thanked the two candidates, as well as their wives Kathy Kemmere and Bev Stevenson, before calling his "better half" Nora up to the stage. He also thanked retiring MLA Richard Marz and paid tribute to "two people who couldn't be here" – his late father and his father-in-law Joe McCool, who urged Davis to run for the nomination before he died in August.

"I'm gonna work my butt off," Davis pledged. "We gotta move things forward – we can't be about just one issue or one area."

"I think Darcy is going to be a good leader for us," Kemmere said afterwards, adding that he hoped to be part of Davis's campaign team.

"We discussed in the last three, four weeks that it was going to be a close race. We now know that we had support and I wanna take that

"Darcy will be really strong on ag issues, trade issues; he will be strong on intergovernmental affairs. I think he's someone who will listen and represent the people," Richards said.

Nora Davis echoed Richards' comments when asked to name her husband's biggest asset.

"I think he's a good listener," she said. "He's done a lot of town hall meetings, so he knows how to take the information and bring it back to the people and explain it."

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The Didsbury Elks Lodge #514 held its annual installation of officers ceremony on Nov. 24. The evening, highlighted by a dinner, 50/50 prizes, cheque and gavel presentations and more, was well-attended by friends, family and supporting Elks clubs in the area. The evening was also a milestone for the Didsbury club, with the nomination of Shelley Fakir (pictured) as the first female Exalted Ruler for Lodge #514.



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Commentary

Drunk driving fight must include hospitality industry input

DAN SINGLETON



Drunk driving fight must include hospitality industry input

The Redford government has announced plans to toughen up drunk driving penalties in the province, all in an effort to reduce the carnage that impaired motorists continue to cause across this province, including in West Central Alberta.

Under proposed legislation tabled in the legislature last week, the province may soon allow licence suspensions and vehicle seizures for drivers whose blood-alcohol level is found to be above 50 mg per cent.

Premier Redford said making life tougher, particularly financially, for impaired drivers might just convince more of them to stay off the roads if they are under the influence.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving has come out in support of the proposed changes, applauding the province for putting forward the tough new rules.

"I think putting teeth in legislation like this will encourage people to take the issue (of drunk driving) much more seriously and look at ways to get home sober and not get behind the wheel at any level of impairment," said MADD president Wayne Kauffeldt, who lost a teenage daughter to a drunk driver.

While few would likely argue against more being done to stem the drunk driving carnage in this province – Alberta, incidentally, has one of the worse per-capita impaired driving rates in Canada – any changes aimed at reducing impaired driving should not unfairly target companies conducting legitimate and lawful businesses.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) is calling on the premier to ensure that consultations are conducted with bar and restaurant business owners to ensure companies are not ruined by the new legislation.

"Like other Albertans, small businesses support the enforcement of strong laws to punish drunk drivers and renewed efforts to find effective prevention strategies," said CFIB spokesperson Richard Truscott. "But while it's not clear if the new law in B.C. had a meaningful impact on the impaired driving issue, it most definitely has significantly impacted many small businesses in the hospitality sector that are already struggling with a weakening economy and ongoing labour shortages."

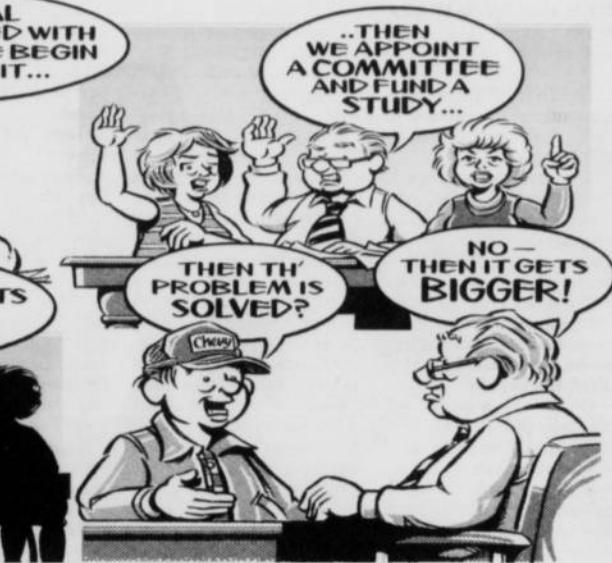
The CFIB is prepared to undertake "meaningful consultation before any new laws are passed to ensure effective enforcement strategies to combat impaired driving without such a negative impact on small businesses."

Drunk drivers continue to make victims of families and friends across this province and country – and the Alberta government should be applauded for stepping up the fight against those same criminal and careless motorists.

However, at the same time Premier Redford needs to make sure that businesses, and in particular those in the hospitality industry, are not inadvertently also made victims in this stepped-up drunk driving war.

Many of you are aware that Aspen Ridge Lodge experienced a "shutdown" for over four weeks, with one week of residents remaining in their rooms.

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Letters to the editor

Lodge extends thanks

wholesome, healthy, appetizing meals, which had to be delivered to each room, as well as snacks and fresh water twice daily as staff and residents continued to take ill. Sacrifices were made by staff to do overtime, accept unexpected calls to work, all done with cheerfulness and love.

The management and staff all

joined together to bring us through this crisis. I commend each one highly for their part, and just want to let our community know what often goes on behind the scenes of our lodge, a lodge you can all be proud of. We are.

Margaret Fradley
Aspen Ridge Lodge

What a great idea. Shop Canadian

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-Connie Anderson
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Didsbury is running for Kraft Hockeyville 2012

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

The Town of Didsbury is currently in the running to be named Kraft Hockeyville 2012.

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Votes for the top 15 selected communities across Canada can be cast through the Kraft Hockeyville website, or, new this year, can be sent via Facebook.

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"Since our launch in 2006, the program has shown immense popularity and community passion."

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Currently, preparations are being made to facilitate the relocation of the Recycling Depot to its new location on the north side of the Public Works Building at 2602 - 19 Street.

While every effort is being made to minimize the disruption of services during the move, unforeseeable events can, and often do, occur and we ask for your patience and co-operation. It is anticipated that the relocation will take place over a two day period as the Recycling Depot must be off the old site premises by the day's end on Wednesday November 30.



TOWN OF DIDSURY



PUBLIC MEETINGS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday December 6, 2011 at 7:00 pm
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday December 20, 2011 at 7:00 pm
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday December 14, 2011 at 4:30 pm
DIDSURY LIFELINE SOCIETY MEETING: Monday December 12, 2011 at 10:00 am
Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

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Fuel thefts on the rise

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

Didsbury RCMP have noticed a developing trend of fuel thefts in the area over the past several weeks after some occurrences of theft from a fuel tank on a rural property and a van parked on a street overnight.

In the latter case, a van parked on 15 Avenue in Didsbury had been filled up at a gas station and was left parked overnight.

The next morning the vehicle owner reported to RCMP that their fuel gauge read "empty" and that the gas cap was removed.

"As the cost of gas continues to rise, residents are asked to keep an eye out for any suspicious activity and report to the RCMP," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson.

Fuel thefts are likely conducted through siphoning, and a method to help reduce the risk of theft is locking the gas caps on vehicles if they have a lock.

"Throughout any given year this can occur, but more of it has happened recently," said Jacobson.

"Gas 'n dashes" are also related to fuel thefts, with one such occurrence happening at a gas station in Cremona recently.

Licence plate missing in Didsbury

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

Theft of a licence plate occurred over the evening of Nov. 18, between 11 p.m. to the next morning.

A licence plate was removed from a vehicle on the 1400 block of 21 Avenue in Didsbury.

The licence plate reads BCD 3307, and anyone with information regarding the plate is asked to contact the Didsbury RCMP.

On Nov. 19, between 1 a.m. and 1:15 a.m., the water-sprouts of a residence on the 1900 block of 15 Street in Didsbury were reportedly torn off.

It was undetermined if the damage was caused by weather or by vandalism.

Also on Nov. 19, between 6 p.m. and 9:50 p.m., the tail lights of a 2005 Buick Allure were reported smashed.

The incident occurred on the 2000 block of 23 Avenue in Didsbury.

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Former Didsbury resident remembered through family

BY SYLVIA COLE
For The Review

Family and friends are grieving the loss of 23-year-old Vicky Shachty, who died in her ground-level apartment in Innisfail Friday morning.

Though not confirmed by RCMP, the former-Didsbury resident's friends within the community said it was Shachty who lived in the apartment on 51 Avenue and died after opening a package delivered to her house that contained an explosive device.

"She was a great person," said Shachty's pastor, Dave Wiebe, who said Shachty was a faithful member of the Innisfail Alliance Church. "On behalf of her family, she was a great daughter, sister and wonderful mom to her own daughter."

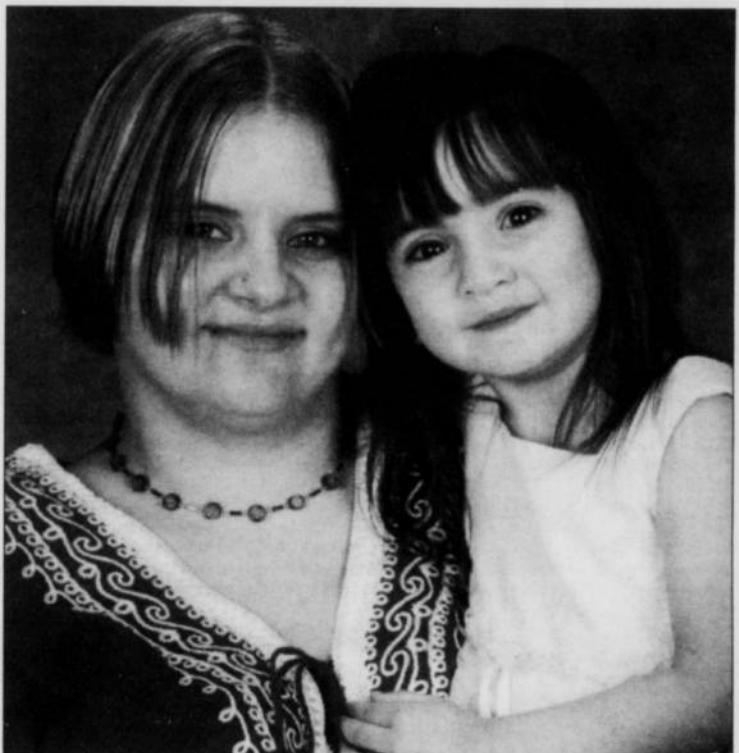
On April 29, 2004 Shachty, 16, was a passenger driving back from Caroline with three friends when the driver of the car lost control near Spruce View. The car rolled several times before coming to a stop in a field. After being rescued by emergency services, Shachty soon learned she had sustained a C4, C5 and C6 spinal cord injury losing her sensation below her chest. It was then she found out she was four months pregnant.

Shachty's daughter, Destiny, was born the following September and since then, community members always saw her out with her daughter.

"I'll remember her riding her wheelchair behind my house with her baby in her arms," said Brent Dougherty, the operator of the Innisfail Co-op Gas bar who had Shachty in his employ twice over the years.

She worked briefly when she was 15 at the gas bar but several years later returned and worked for about a year, he said.

"When she was in her wheelchair she did the



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Vicky Shachty (left) with daughter Destiny (right).

paperwork and she also did the cashier (work). Everybody would come in and see her. She was always happy with everybody, she always got along well."

He said she always talked about her child and what she would do with her on her time off.

"She was young. She always came across as a tough girl, but she was really smart," he said, adding she caught on to everything at work quickly.

"She was a good worker, I could always count on her to be here. She went the extra mile to get here sometimes when she needed to," he said, explaining she used the handicap bus to get to work initially but soon after got her own van and was able to drive.

"Our hearts and thoughts go out to the family," said Innisfail mayor Jim Romane, who was on scene Friday, to

learn more about what had happened.

"Hopefully there's some resolution to it and it's not a random thing."

Ron Lenz, who was also nearby Friday afternoon, said his mother-in-law called him to let him know what happened. Shachty's daughter rides the bus to school with his children.

"She was a nice person. I always talked to her — she always seemed happy," he said. "I guess the thing is it will happen anywhere. For someone to do something like that, it's..." he said, his voice trailing off. "How do you put it in words?"

Pastor Wiebe has been at the Innisfail location for the past four years and said Shachty has been a member there since before he arrived.

"She was just determined. She had a strong love of life, a great personality regardless of

whatever challenges she had." He said she served in a children's ministry that runs Thursday nights and regularly attended ladies' Bible study as well.

"The family is devastated. Of course they are doing as best as can be expected and we certainly appreciate privacy while they mourn. ... I believe the church will rally and so will the community, around the family. You love deeply, so you hurt deeply. She will be missed."

Sunday, Wiebe opened the weekly service with a prayer session for Shachty's family, the church and the community. He said the church was packed and people huddled into groups to pray.

"It was a powerful prayer session," said Wiebe.

A trust fund is being set up for Destiny, who is currently in the care of Shachty's family.

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Madison Samuel-Barclay/Didsbury Review

BLOWN AWAY - A red alert was issued on Nov. 27 as strong winds howled across the county, causing damage on the roads and in local communities. Pictured, an overturned truck sits on Hwy. 2, just south of Didsbury. Also along Hwy. 2 heading towards Carstairs was a knocked over highway sign and detached truck end. Damage in Didsbury and other communities was evident Monday morning, with branches and even whole trees (pictured) toppled over.

Windstorm caused extensive damage

BY JENNIFER ISAAC
AND PAUL FREY
For the Review

Extremely high winds caused serious damage on Highway 2, north and south of Didsbury, on Sunday afternoon, with gusts reported at over 106.19 km/h at the Didsbury weather station.

Carstairs fire department responded to 10 calls beginning at 10:18 a.m., including three motor vehicle rollovers on Highway 2, three grass fires and three calls involving downed power lines.

"The last call came in at 3:33 p.m. and we cleared the scene by 4:15," said Lt. Darryl Nielsen, fire prevention officer with the Carstairs fire department. "Luckily, there were no reported injuries."

Alison Caputo, who was driving southbound on Highway 2 during the windstorm, narrowly escaped two separate collisions as she drove behind two semi-trailers as they blew over due to the wind. One was just north of the Didsbury overpass while another was just after the turn-

off for Carstairs, Crossfield and Cremona. The sign for the exit had blown over.

"We were commenting on the fact that ... the trucks weren't pulling off (near the Carstairs turn-off). You could see the ... trailer lifts ... up off (its wheels) and sort of comes to a resting stop. He keeps driving ... and just at that moment the trailer comes up ... and ... it flips over on its side and skids sideways in front of us and we manoeuvre around it and continue going southbound," she said.

"It was scary and you could feel the adrenaline," said 13-year-old passenger Christian Caputo, who filmed the sign blowing over and the trailer skidding in front of them, on a camera phone.

Trying to navigate around a skidding tractor trailer was a harrowing experience, Alison Caputo said.

"It was really scary but when you're in that moment, you just do what you have to do," she said.

Tom Schemionek, curator of the Bud Barn, located six kilometres east of Didsbury, has been cleaning up from the

damage caused to a steel Quonset located next to the 92-year-old tourist attraction.

"The old building held up, but the Quonset next to it looks like a beached whale," Schemionek said. "The wind was just unbelievable."

He said the tarp Quonset was made of steel and had about 50 hoops as part of the structure. "The tarp let go on the west side and basically became a sail," he added. "It tore off the back end of the building."

Schemionek and his wife, Mary, watched the incident unfold. "It took about 30 minutes," he said. "A horse and three llamas ran to safety, finding shelter at the other end of the field."

The three-storey Quonset was built in 1998 and was used for storing building materials, a motorhome, bales and some family possessions. Schemionek said the building was not insured and there's no way to repair the damage, which he estimates is in the range of \$30,000.

"It has to be demolished," he said. "The steel structure is completely beat up. There's no money to rebuild."

Debris is scattered over a quarter of an acre, he said. "I've been here for almost seven years and I've never seen anything like this."

"I don't even know where to start."

At the peak of the windstorm, 20,000 FortisAlberta customers were without power throughout southern Alberta, including areas around Rocky Mountain House, Canmore, Morley and as far south as Pincher Creek.

"We had approximately 3,000 customers without power overnight," said Jennifer MacGowan, director of corporate communications with FortisAlberta. "We had a lot of trees down on the power lines and poles down as a result."

"We have 250 employees who are working at restoring power to our rural customers, as there was extensive damage to the system."

MacGowan is advising people to stay at least 10 metres away from a downed power line.

"Our first priority is the safety of our customers," she said.

Vehicle rollover claims Didsbury man

Deadly accident occurs in Airdrie on Highway 21

BY JENNIFER ISAAC
For the Review

One person is dead following a vehicle rollover that occurred late in the afternoon on November 23.

At 7:35 p.m., Airdrie Rural RCMP received a report of debris on Highway 21,

approximately three kilometres north of Crossfield.

"RCMP, fire and EMS attended that location and located a 1997 green Ford Expedition," said Constable Francine Hennelly, with the Airdrie RCMP.

"It was determined that the vehicle had hit the guardrail on the east side of the

road and then crossed both lanes into the west ditch, where it rolled several times."

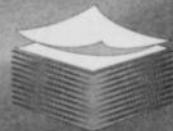
The driver - who was the lone occupant - had been ejected from the vehicle and was found 20 metres away. Alcohol was not deemed to be a factor. Police believe the driver was not wearing a seatbelt at

the time of the accident.

The driver, 28-year-old Ian James Liesemer of Didsbury, was pronounced dead at the accident scene.

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Madison Samuel-Barclay/Didsbury Review

Drew Gregory, performing an acoustic show at the Didsbury Inn on Nov. 25.

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
MVP Staff

Music has been the lifelong calling of county local Drew Gregory. The self-taught guitarist and singer has been living the dream, playing professionally at venues and releasing his first studio album over the course of three years.

"If you had told me I'd be here three years ago I wouldn't have believed it, and hopefully three years from now I'll be in a spot where if you had told me now where I would be, I wouldn't have believed you either," said Gregory.

This past Friday, Nov. 25, Gregory played an acoustic show at the Didsbury Inn and appeared on Olds radio station 96.5 CKFM. He will be going on to play other venues further east later this year, and is planning to work on a sophomore album project in 2012.

Gregory describes his

music as southern rock, with his first studio album titled Country Hurricane.

Gregory was born and raised in Standard, Alta., and first picked up a guitar after taking inspiration from a high school friend.

"I would get home and played every night, for quite a few years, I loved it," said Gregory.

Gregory began singing and writing his own music while honing his guitar skills. Gregory describes his first experience practising singing as a unique one.

"I hit a note I didn't think I could hit," he said. "I had a little more power than I thought I had. It was pretty cool."

Gregory began playing small shows and bar venues as his skills and song repertoire increased. His sister, who worked at a recording studio, helped Gregory record a few demo tracks.

Set on his music future, Gregory travelled to

Nashville, Tenn., to work on and record his first album, while soaking up the southern rock atmosphere, as well as taking singing lessons.

Gregory has taken return trips to Nashville for three winters in a row since, continuing to work on his album until its completion.

"It's an eye-opener, it was amazing," said Gregory of the Nashville music scene and competition. "The quality level of music down there is amazing, the people are amazing, but are still struggling despite that."

Gregory was also the recipient of the Best Original Song award at the Country 105 Rising Star music competition for the title track off his album.

While his Didsbury performance was a solo acoustic show, Gregory has been playing with a band for the past two years as well.

"We've become looser, and over the past two years we've become really comfy, they're all good musicians," said Gregory. "I like playing acoustic, it's a different performance, but playing with the band brings a lot of energy too."

In his performing downtime Gregory is a farmer, but is still looking to further his music career.

"It's all I want to do now," said Gregory. "These past three years, it's been a process of realizing what you want to do for the rest of your life and doing it for me."

Along with future show dates, both for acoustic and band performances, Gregory's first single will be debuting on Canadian radio in 2012, and he plans to shoot a video as well.

For more on Drew Gregory, visit <http://www.drewgregory-music.com>.



Present in photo, from top left:
Jermaine Heistad, Laine Rothenbusch, Cory Shields, Kelly Campbell, Matthew Candline, Gabriel Pankrat, Dylan O'Neill, Jacob Fifield,

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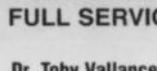
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**LIESEMER, Ian James**
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It is with great sorrow that Ian Liesemer's family of Didsbury, Alberta announces his passing following a tragic vehicle accident at the age of 28 years. Ian will always be remembered by his beloved son Donavon Mikal; Kaela, the mother of his son; Tara, his special friend and her daughter Alexis; Ian's parents, Murray Liesemer and Kathy Adams; brothers Douglas and Jeremy; sister-in-law Jackie and nephew Layne; grandpa Ron Liesemer; honorary grandparents, Chas and Etta Hale; numerous extended family and countless friends.

Please join the family for a celebration of Ian's life at the Carstairs Community Hall (1100 Lackner Way, Carstairs) on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

Messages of condolence may be forwarded to the family from www.mountainviewfuneralchapel.com. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapel, Didsbury. Phone: 403-335-4773. Locally owned and operated. Proudly serving our community for over 46 years.

For those wishing to, in lieu of flowers please, Ian's family has set up a trust account for young son Donavon at the Olds branch of Bank of Montreal.

**VIOLET KOOPMAN**

It is with great sadness that Violet Koopman passed away peacefully on November 17, 2011. She is predeceased by husband George and survived by her loving sisters Julia and Doris, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Violet and George were dairy farmers in the Didsbury, Alberta area and later retired to the Vancouver, BC area.

Memorial Service to be held November 24th at 10:00 at Fraser Heights Funeral Chapel, 14835 Fraser Highway, Surrey, BC 604-589-2559. In lieu of flowers, if you wish you can make a donation in Violet's name to the Salvation Army Cascade Community Church at 35190 Delair Road, Abbotsford, BC V3G 3B5.

140. Births 140. Births

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190. Announcements 190. Announcements

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